

LATHYRUS SPP. (Fabaceae.) 32190, 32192-193. Seeds of three species of wild peas from Tomsk, Siberia. For trial as forage crops in the cooler portions of the United States. (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

MANGIFERA INDICA. (Anacardiaceae.) 32256. Cuttings of a mango from Chiloane Island, Portuguese East Africa. Presented by Mr. R. H. B. Dickinson, assistant director of agriculture, Beira. "Cuttings taken from a tree said to be 50 or 60 years old, growing near a small Mahomedan mosque. It bears large fruits which may be expected to ripen in January." (Dickinson.) This may possibly be the Lathrop mango described under Numbers 9486 and 9669, as it was secured in a situation similar to the reputed source of that fine variety. For distribution later.

NEOGLAZIOVIA CONCOLOR. (Bromeliaceae.) 32261. Plants of makimbira from Bahia, Brazil. Presented by Mr. Omar E. Mueller, American vice consul. For distribution later.

NEOGLAZIOVIA VARIEGATA. (Bromeliaceae.) 32260. Plants of the caroá from Bahia, Brazil. Presented by Mr. Omar E. Mueller, American vice consul. This species and the closely related preceding one occur throughout the arid districts along the Rio Sao Francisco, in a climate said to resemble that of our arid southwest. "Mr. Tennant Lee, who saw 2000 acres of these plants in a wild state, and who tested their fiber, says this is one of the finest fibers ever brought into the United States. Ropes made of it will stand salt water longer than manila hemp; it is 28 per cent stronger than manila, yields a larger per cent of fiber than the abaca, and the waste is suitable for paper making." (Fairchild.) For distribution later.

ONOBRYCHIS VULGARIS. (Fabaceae.) 32182-183. Seeds of the wild Siberian esparsette from Siberia. For trial as a forage plant in the semi-arid regions, where ordinary alfalfa gets winterkilled. (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

PERSEA PITTIERI. (Lauraceae.) 32172. Seeds of an avocado from San Jose, Costa Rica. Presented by Mr. Carlos Wercklé. "A very early variety, but rather poor. Good quality, little flesh." (Wercklé.) For distribution later.

PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA. (Phoenicaceae.) 32327. Date seeds from Cairo, Egypt. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen, San Francisco, Calif. "'Zagloul.' The very best date that I have eaten anywhere. It is very large, in fact the largest date